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Dear Dr. Ohlsén:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) conducted an on-site audit of Sweden's meat inspection system from August 8 through 14, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report. The comments of the National Food Administration on the draft final audit report are included as an addendum to the report.

We are pleased with the progress that you are making in addressing corrective actions and preventive measures taken in response to sanitation problems; the performance testing of personnel; and deficiencies in post-mortem inspection procedures. However, your letter of January 23, 2002, did not mention specific actions you are taking to address the additional deficiencies identified in the audit such as, inadequate development, implementation and documentation of HACCP requirements; denaturing of condemned materials; and species verification testing. I cannot over emphasize the importance of addressing all of the issues identified during the audit. FSIS will be arranging a teleconference with you to review these deficiencies as well as any identified during a previous audit and to discuss potential actions that will prevent future problems.

If you have any questions relative to the recent audit or this letter, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. My telephone number is 202-720-3781, my fax number is 202-690-4040, and my e-mail address is [sally.stratmoen@usda.gov](mailto:sally.stratmoen@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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